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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111 and 37 CFR 1.53 is the ☐ Design ☒ Utility patent application of:

**Inventor:** Elick et al.  
**Entitled:** Adaptive Drain and Purge System For a Dishwasher

☒ Customer Number

27238

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 32 page(s) of written description, claims and abstract  
☒ 10 sheet(s) of drawings (☒ formal ☐ informal)  
☒ An assignment of the invention to: Maytag Corporation  
☒ Executed (original or copy) declaration of the inventor(s)  
☐ A certified copy of a priority document  
☐ Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 CFR 1.27)  
☐ Preliminary Amendment  
☒ Information Disclosure Statement  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

☒ CONTINUING APPLICATION (see requisite information below and accompanying preliminary amendment, or Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76):

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation-In-Part (CIP) of prior applications

Serial No. 10/186,739 and Serial No. 10/186,714 both filed July 2, 2002

☐ Copy of declaration of the inventor(s) from a prior application (Continuation/Divisional information completed above)

Prior application information: Examiner: Group Art Unit:

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

| ITEM   | AS FILED  | # EXTRA | SMALL ENTITY  | FULL FEE  |
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|  |           |         | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility. . . . . \$385.00<br><input type="checkbox"/> Design. . . . . \$170.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utility . . . . \$770.00<br><input type="checkbox"/> Design. . . . \$340.00 |
| Basic Fee  |           |         |   |   |
| Total Claims                                       | 24 - 20 = | 4       | x \$9 =   | x \$18 = 72.00  |
| Independent Claims                                 | 4 - 3 =   | 1       | x \$43 =  | x \$86 = 86.00  |
| Multiple Dependent Claims in Proper Form Presented |           |         | + \$145 =   | + \$290 =   |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                                      |           |         | \$  | \$ 928.00   |

☒ A check in the amount of \$ 968.00 to cover the filing fee (and assignment recordation fee, if any) is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, including patent application filing fees and processing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1075. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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